

## **Congressional Vote Hurts Middle Class Families and Small Business**

**“It’s just plain wrong” says Oros**

Congressional candidate George Oros (New York 19<sup>th</sup> district) called the recent House of Representatives vote that would allow the present tax relief to expire next year “wrong”.

“While middle class families struggle and the economy teeters on the brink of collapse it is clearly the wrong time to let taxes increase”, said Oros. “It is wrong to vote to allow the family tax credit to end, to fail to eliminate or at least index the Alternative Minimum Tax and it is so wrong to punish family businesses by voting to revive the death tax”.

Oros noted the irony of recent Town Hall meetings where Congressman John Hall (D/Dover Plains) hosted a seminar on saving money on income tax returns while 48 hours earlier he voted yes to a plan that would see federal taxes grow by \$683 billion over five years.

“Instead of offering platitudes or small tax deductions, Congress should be reducing spending, reforming earmarks and extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts”, said Oros. “The easiest way to save on taxes is to eliminate them.”

Congress needs to “immediately end the death tax” which hurts small family businesses.

“Too often I have witnessed children and grandchildren who want to keep the family business going, but are forced to sell or take on huge debt to pay estate taxes,” said Oros. “If we want to protect these businesses the estate tax must go once and for all.”

Congress seems more concerned about spending \$2 million in earmark money for a monument to Charlie Rangel and \$300,000 for improving Hollywood movie sets than letting hard working families keep a few more of their hard earned dollars.

“We have a Congress interested in litigation, regulation and taxation,” said Oros. “I seek a Congress focused on taxpayer liberation.”

The budget plan approved sets the stage for future bills that affect taxes, Medicare and annual appropriations bills. Follow-up legislation is needed to move the plan forward but the vote by Congress last week clearly indicates where they stand: more taxes!

“Not everyone is fortunate to be a Hollywood elite or business tycoon with a team of lawyers and accountants to find every last tax loophole,” Oros said. “Congress should be helping the middle class families and make these cuts such as the family tax credit and elimination of the AMT permanent.”